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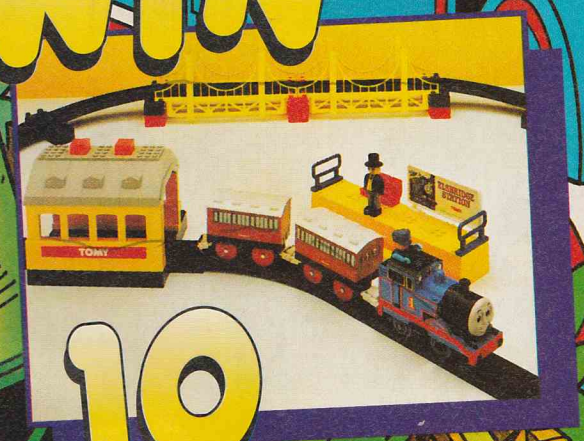

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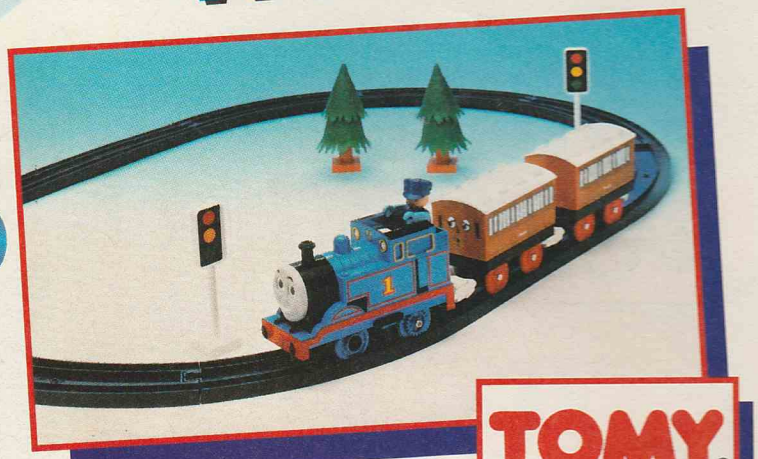

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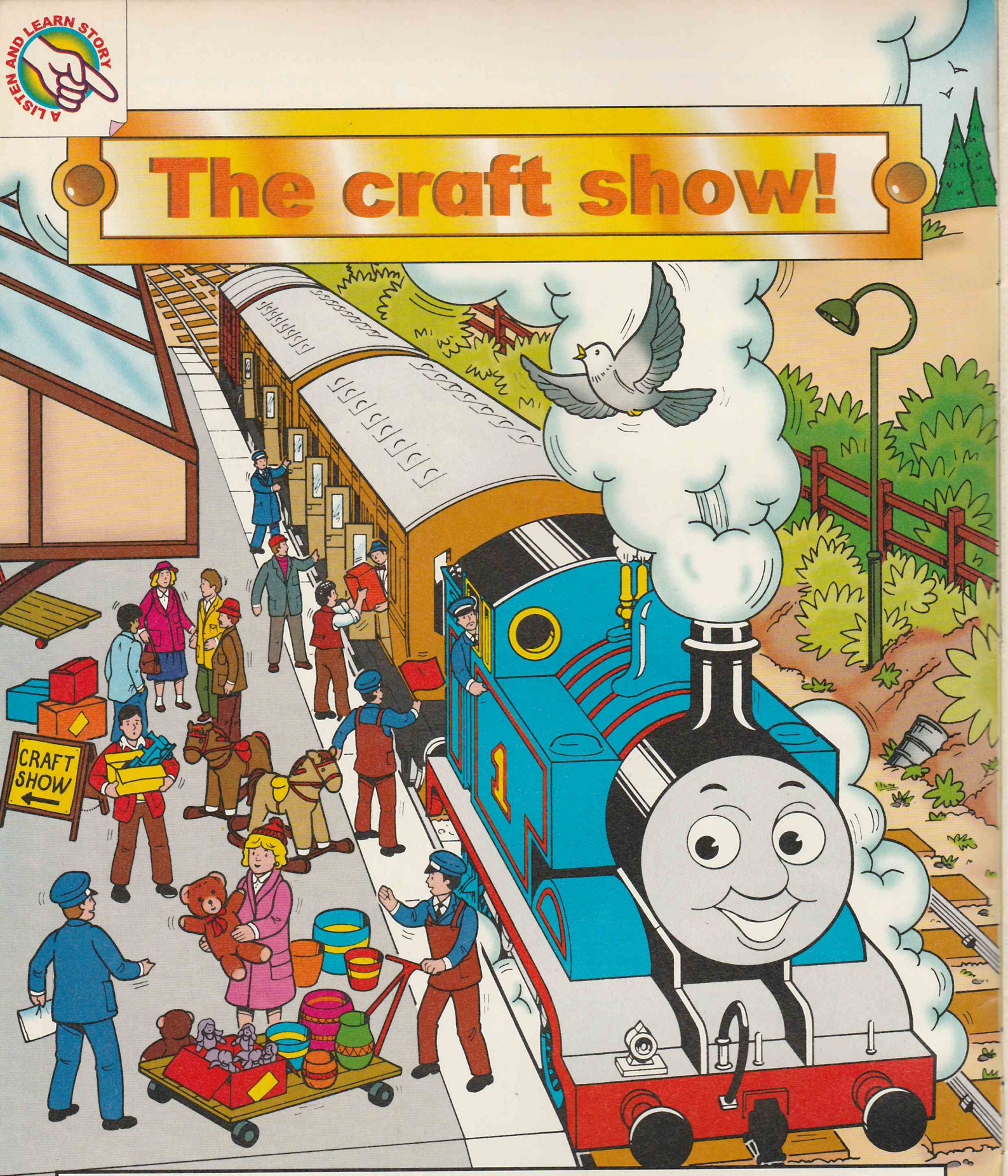
The craft show!



1. One Saturday, there was to be a craft show at Wellsworth church hall. Thomas helped to deliver all the skilled people who were taking part in it.

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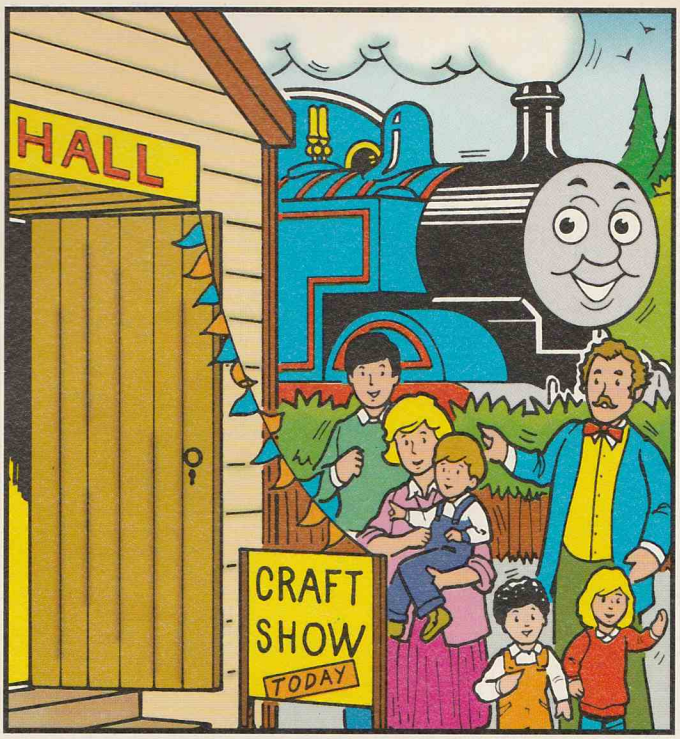
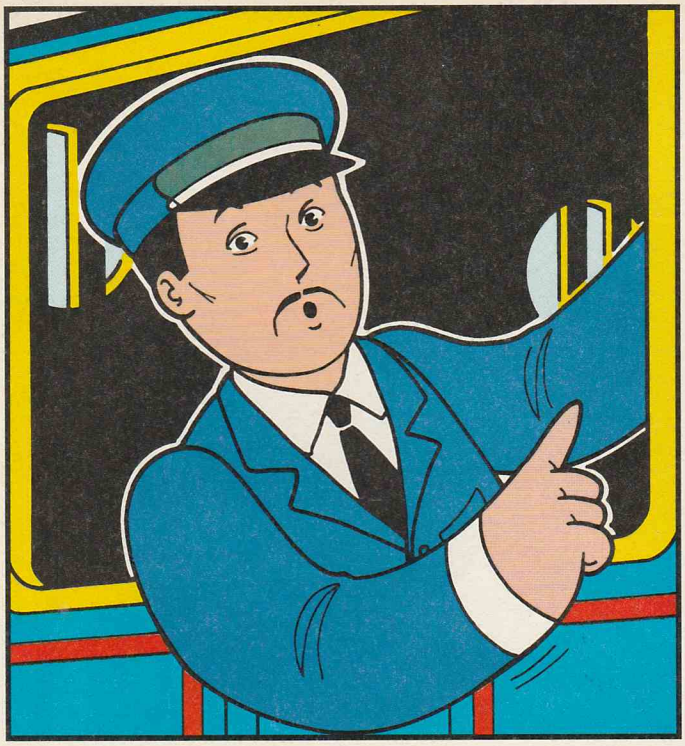


3. The church hall was near Wellsworth Station. As Thomas stood at the platform, he saw a crowd gathering, eager for the craft show to open.

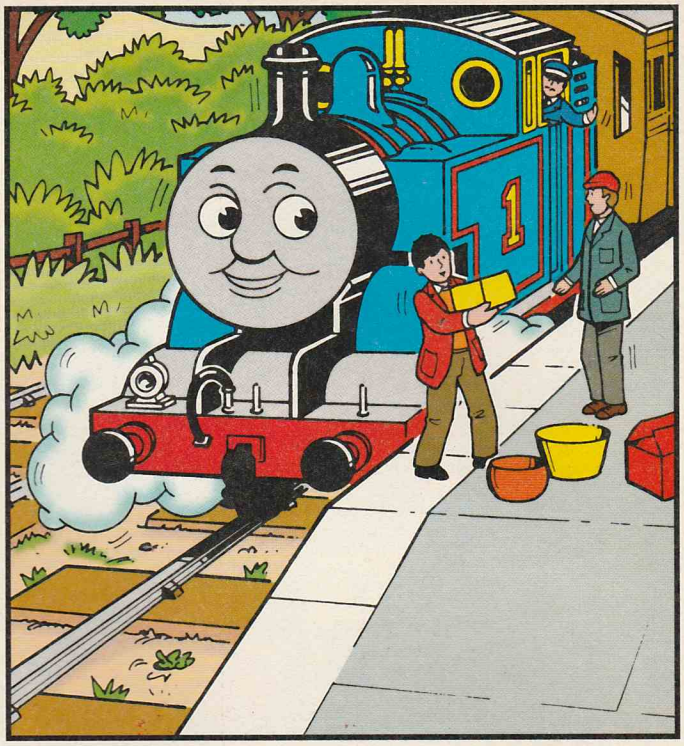
4. "Just look how busy it is!" thought Thomas. Before long, he speedily set off on his branch line again, pulling his two faithful carriages Annie and Clarabel.

5. "I've more passengers to collect and deliver," he said. His journey took him through the countryside. Thomas puffed past an old disused watermill. They stopped to look at it.

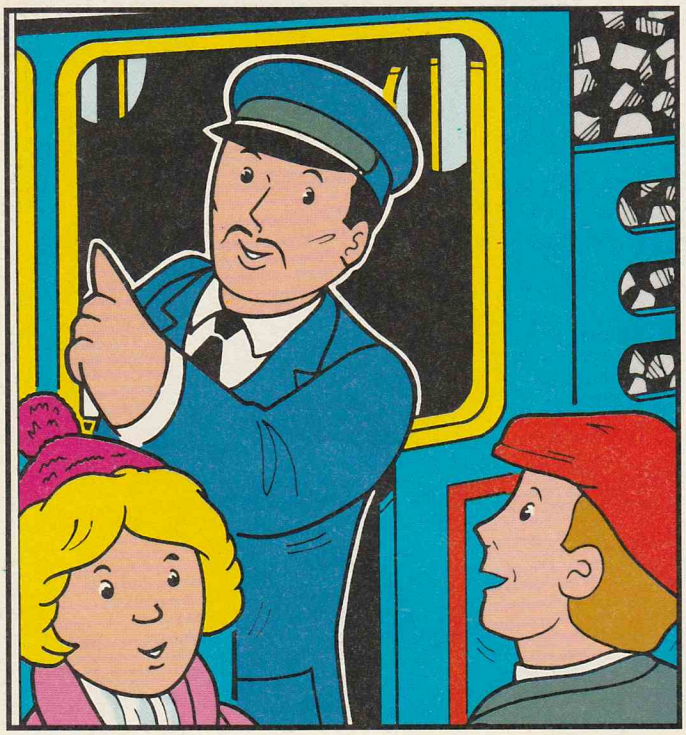
6. The watermill still had a huge paddle wheel, which was broken. "What a lovely old building," said Thomas. "It's a shame it's so overgrown." His driver agreed.



7. The mill stood by a stream, near a little station. "I understand the mill closed down years ago," called Thomas's driver. "It's in such a lovely spot, too!" he added.

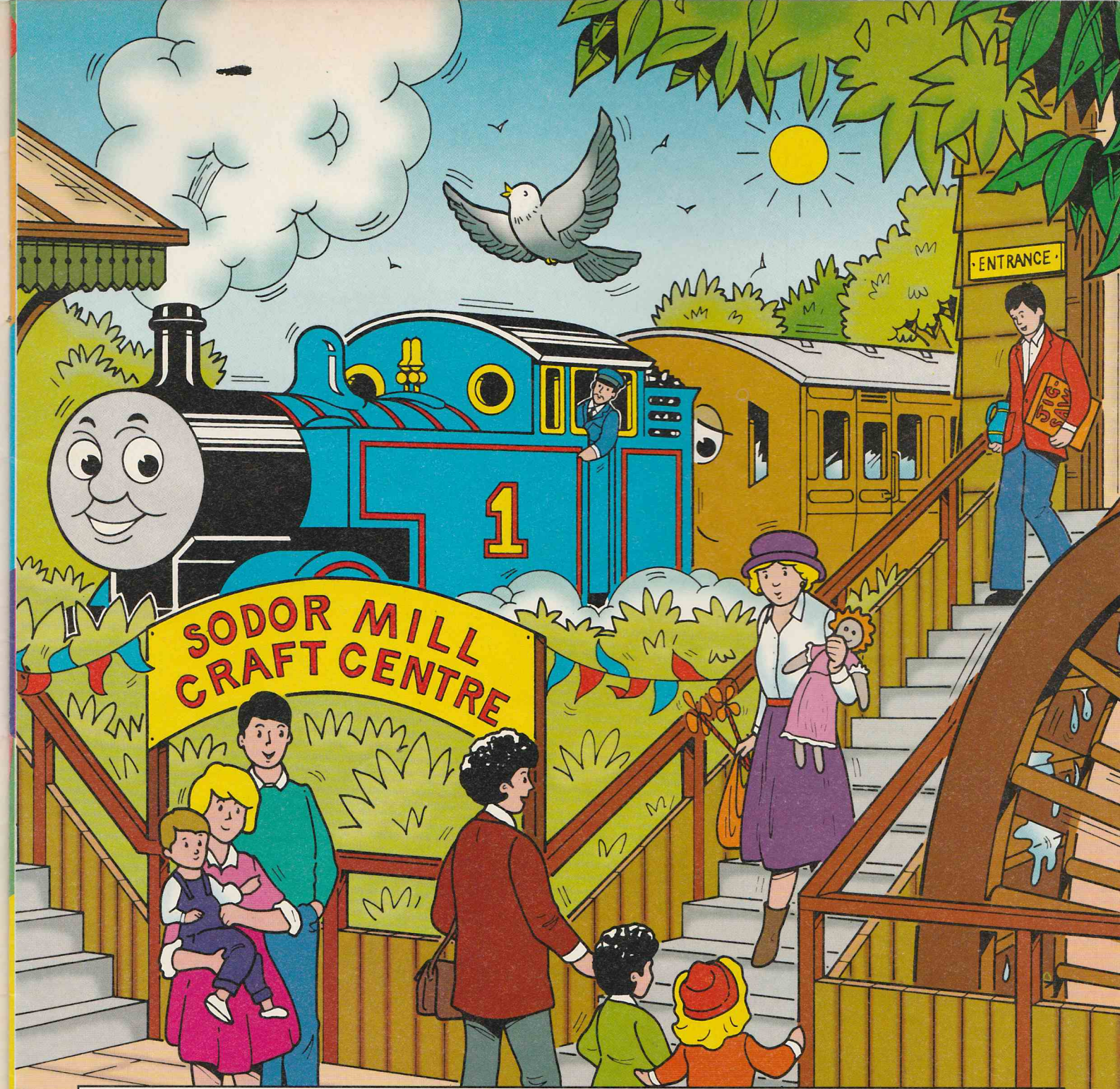


8. Later that afternoon, Thomas returned to Wellsworth to collect the people from the craft show. "It has been a great success!" they told Thomas's driver.



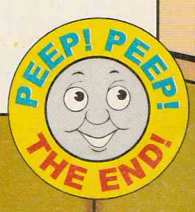
9. "If only we had a proper craft centre where we could work all the time," said the potter. "Then we could sell our goods every day," added the dollmaker.

10. Thomas had an idea. Back at the Main Station, he told the Fat Controller, who knew the mill owner. Soon, Thomas was on his way to the mill with a works train.



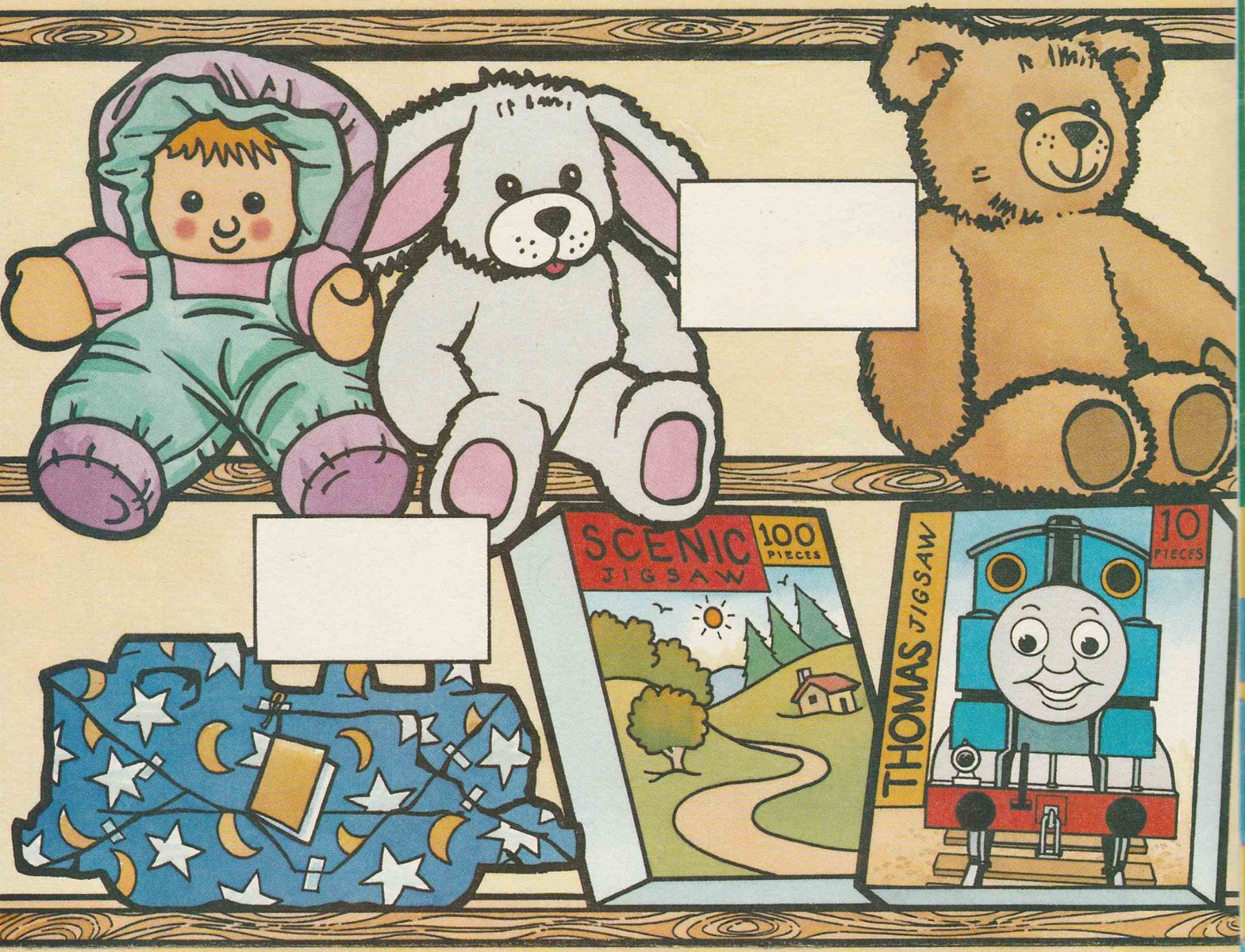
11. It was full of railwaymen who offered to give up their spare time to repair the mill. Shortly, even the paddle wheel was turning again. At last, everything was ready and the 'Sodor Mill Craft Centre' was opened. Thomas brought lots of visitors to the nearby station. One clever craftsman taught the children to make all kinds of rag dolls. He was kept very busy.

12. So was the potter and the other skilled men and women who worked very hard to make the 'Sodor Mill Craft Centre' a great success. The owner was pleased to see it fully repaired, too. "It has turned out very well," smiled Thomas. "Thanks to you," said his driver. "You're a clever engine!" "Don't you mean a crafty one!" joked Thomas.



Sodor Mill toys

The Sodor Mill Craft Centre has been opened by the Fat Controller! What kind of toys can you see?



What else can you see?

Which is the biggest animal in the Noah's Ark set?

How many of the dolls have ribbon bows?

How many of the toys have wheels?

Which jigsaw has most pieces?

Who does the toy engine on the the top shelf look like?

What do you think is inside the wrapped parcel?

Now label each of the toys correctly! Cut out the labels below and stick them onto the appropriate spaces on the toy shelves above!

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YOUR LETTERS

STAR LETTER!

The sender of any letter that is printed as our STAR LETTER will win one of these Thomas push and pull motorised engines!

Dear Fat Controller,
I am very fond of **Henry the Green Engine** because he has lots of wheels. How many wheels does **Oliver** have?
Love from **Lucy Fogg**, aged 7.
Oliver is based on a 0-4-2 tank engine, which means that he has four front and two back wheels! He has a shiny green coat, like Henry, too!

AGE OF ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
We have a railway beside our house! Every day we see a **blue** train that reminds me of **Thomas**. Who are the oldest engines and who is the youngest engine on your railway?
Love from **Daniel Golding**, aged 5.
Our oldest engines are Skarloey and Rhyneas. Recently, I have given them more jobs to do on my railway! Our youngest engine is Percy the Saddletank Engine.

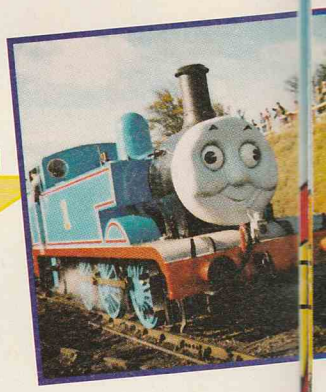
He has many great adventures on the Island of Sodor railway!

ENGINES STEAM!

Dear Fat Controller,
One day, my Daddy and Grandad took me to see **Thomas** the Tank Engine at *Llangollen Railway*. I saw where the water goes to make the steam!
Love from **Ethan**, aged 3.
It must have been very interesting for you to find out how engine steam is made! I'm sure you also enjoyed looking at all the scenic spots on the Llangollen Railway!

PHOTO STOP!

Dear Fat Controller,
My name is *Lloyd* and I am nearly 2 years old. I love Thomas very much! This is a picture of Thomas that my mum took when we went to see him at the Watercress Line at Arlesford!
Love from **Lloyd Brown.**



Dear Fat Controller,
I thought you would like to see this photo of me, with my big brother Daniel and my cousin Stephen, at his 4th birthday party. Love from **William Grummitt.**

BIRTHDAYS!

Birthday greetings go out to... Richard Gale, Paul Butcher, Graham Jackson, Adam Baldock, Rory Heath and Martin Johnson.

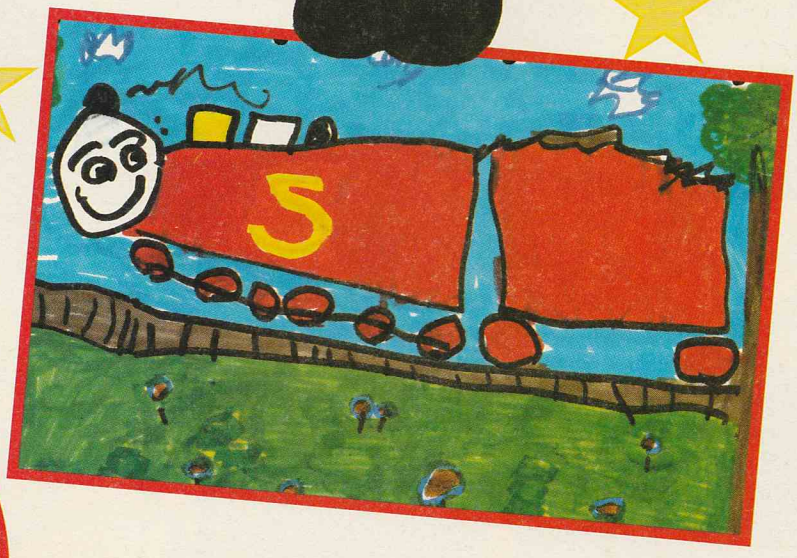
Drawing Board!

Thank you for sending your smashing drawings and pictures to the Fat Controller's Drawing Board!

Look! It's Thomas and Harold near Gordon's Hill! **William Hanrahan**, aged 6, has drawn this dramatic picture of the busy helicopter helping Thomas complete his important task!

Rebecca and Matthew Evans have sent a wonderful picture of me; the Fat Controller! I must say, I do look smart!

James is the bright red engine who pulls important passenger coaches! Look at this smart drawing of him by **Joshua Taylor**, aged 4!



Anyone who has a drawing printed on this page will win a special **Thomas Changing Picture Book**

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Which engine can you see?
What colour is he?
How many lambs can you see?
What colour is the lady's coat and hat?

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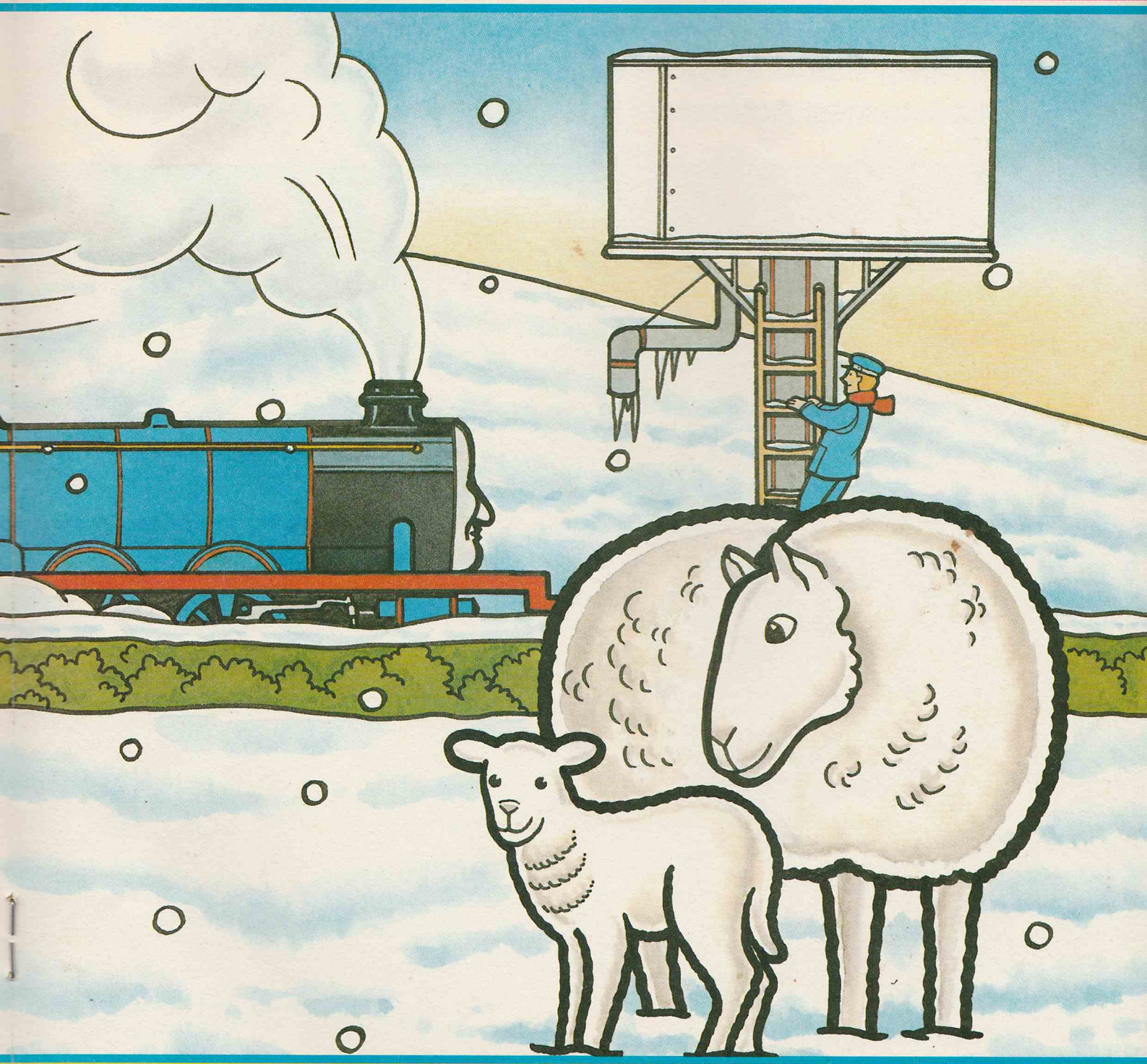

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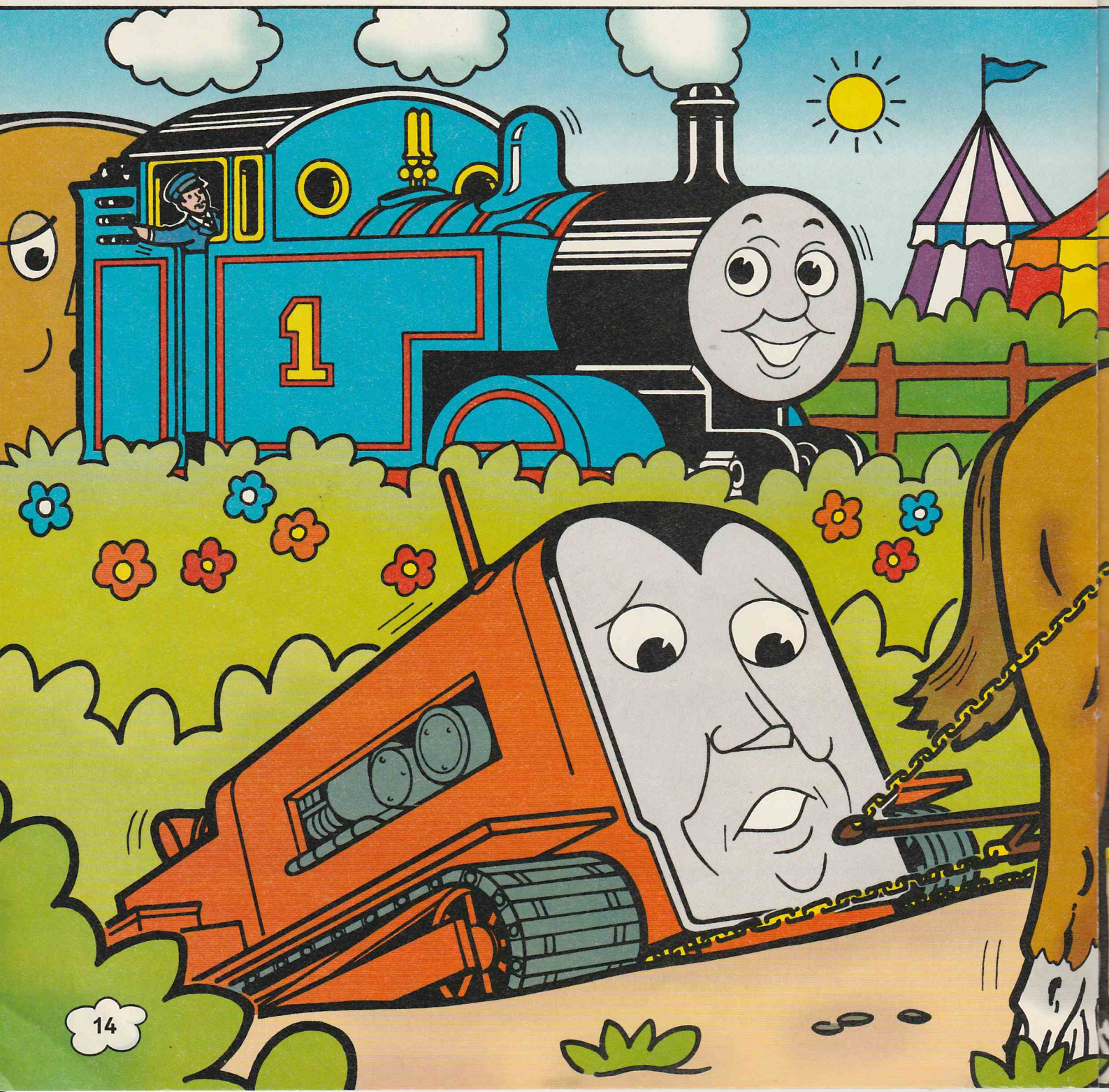
This centrespread should be cut out as it forms part of a continuous scene for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom.

The huge horses!

It was the day of the Great Horse Show on the Island of Sodor. Thomas puffed to and fro, bringing visitors in his faithful carriages, Annie and Clarabel. As he waited at the station, beside the field, the show began. Suddenly, Thomas stared in surprise.

"What huge horses!" he



gasped when two trotted closer.

They were pulling a cart, loaded with barrels.

"Those horses are the biggest I've ever seen!" said Thomas. "They're very strong, too!"

"They're called Shire horses," explained his driver. "They were once used as plough horses on farms. But, these days, tractors usually do their work instead!"

Thomas wanted to stay longer, but he had to steam on his way. He had not gone far when he stopped at a level-

crossing. He saw Terence the Tractor nearby and told him about the Shire horses.

"Pah! They're not as strong as me!" boasted Terence.

Later in the day, Terence was working on a steep, muddy slope when one of his caterpillar treads snapped in two. He slid into a watery ditch. Terence was stuck!

Shortly, Thomas returned with more visitors to the show.

"I'll fetch help, Terence!" he called.

Before long, the two Shire horses arrived and were hitched up to Terence. Slowly but surely, they towed him to safety.

"It's lucky those beautiful Shire horses are strong enough to pull you, Terence!" said Thomas, next time they met.

By now, Terence had been repaired.

"Sometimes, Shire horses are still Really Useful," he agreed. "Er, just like tractors!"

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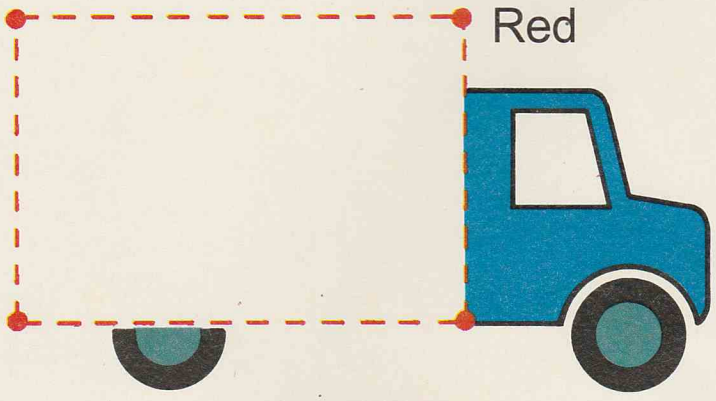

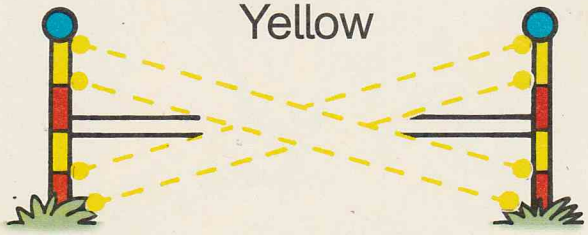

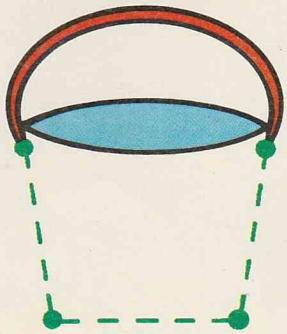

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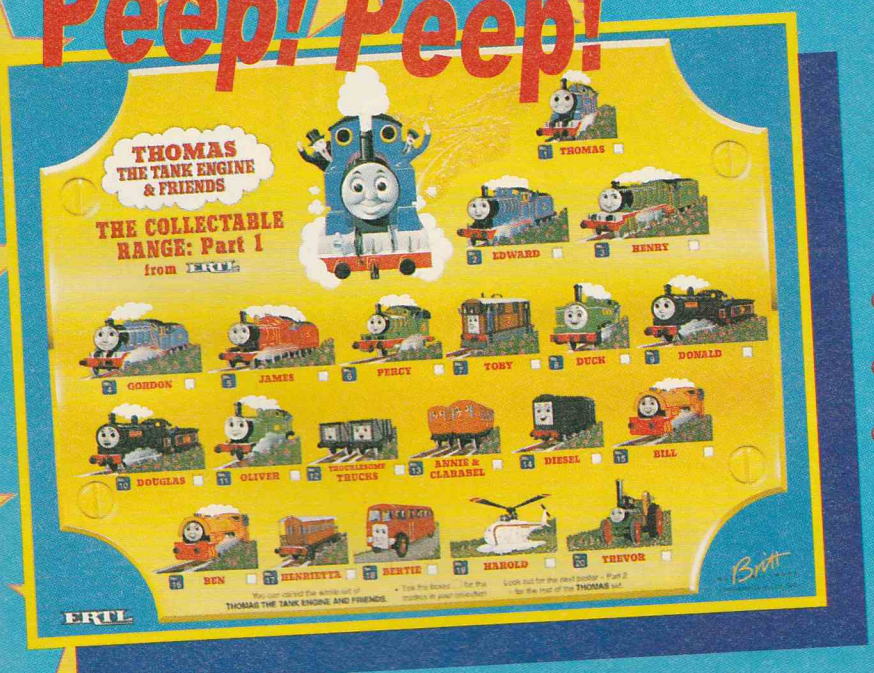

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Our FREE Wallchart features Thomas's friends!

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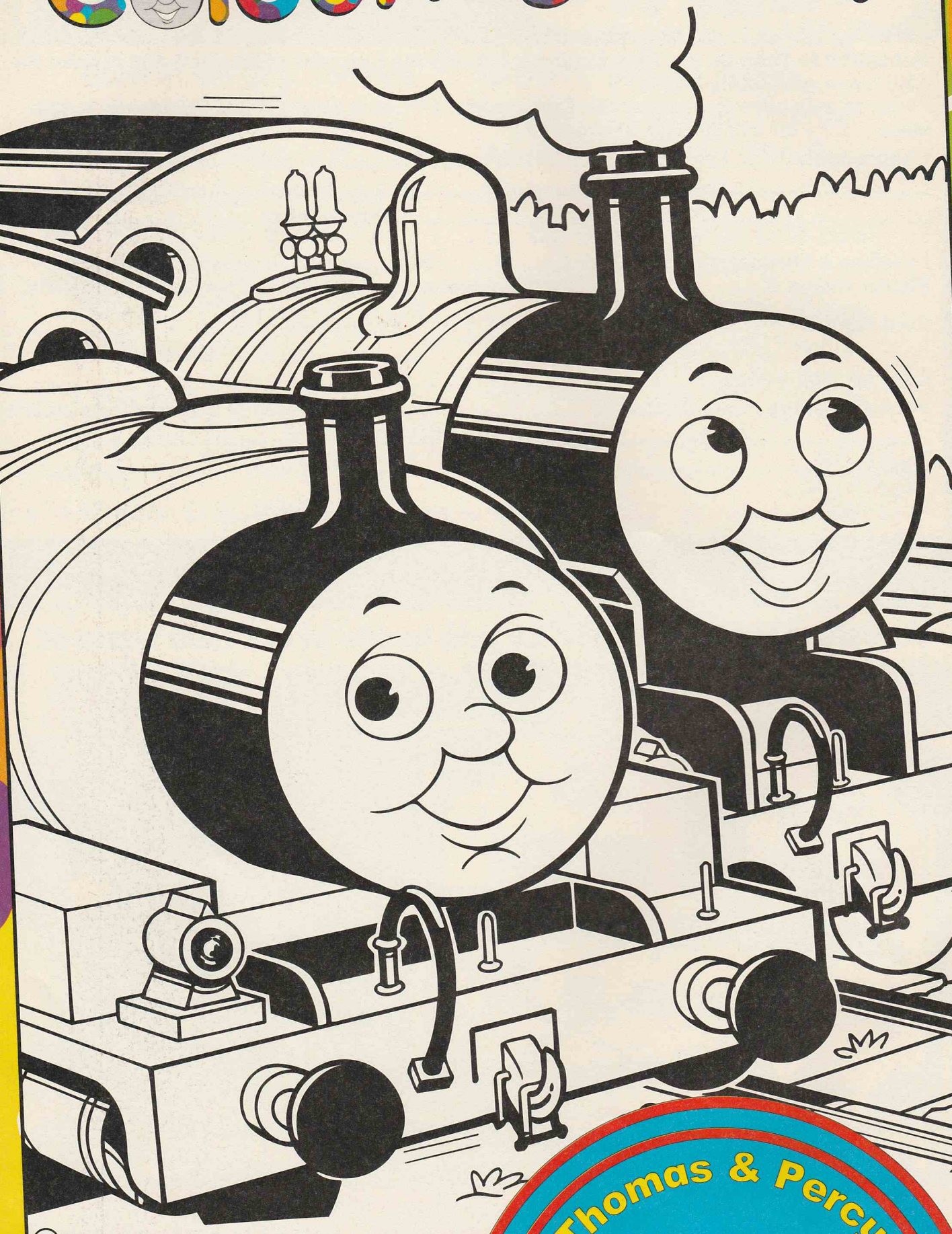

Thomas & Percy

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Here's your chance to win a fantastic Thomas the Tank Engine set, courtesy of Tomy Toys! Our 3 lucky first prize winners will be able to join Thomas, Annie & Clarabel on their journey from the engine shed, around the low level suspension bridge and onto Elsbridge Station, where the Fat Controller greets them on their safe arrival!

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Britt Allcroft

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Look at our first prize!

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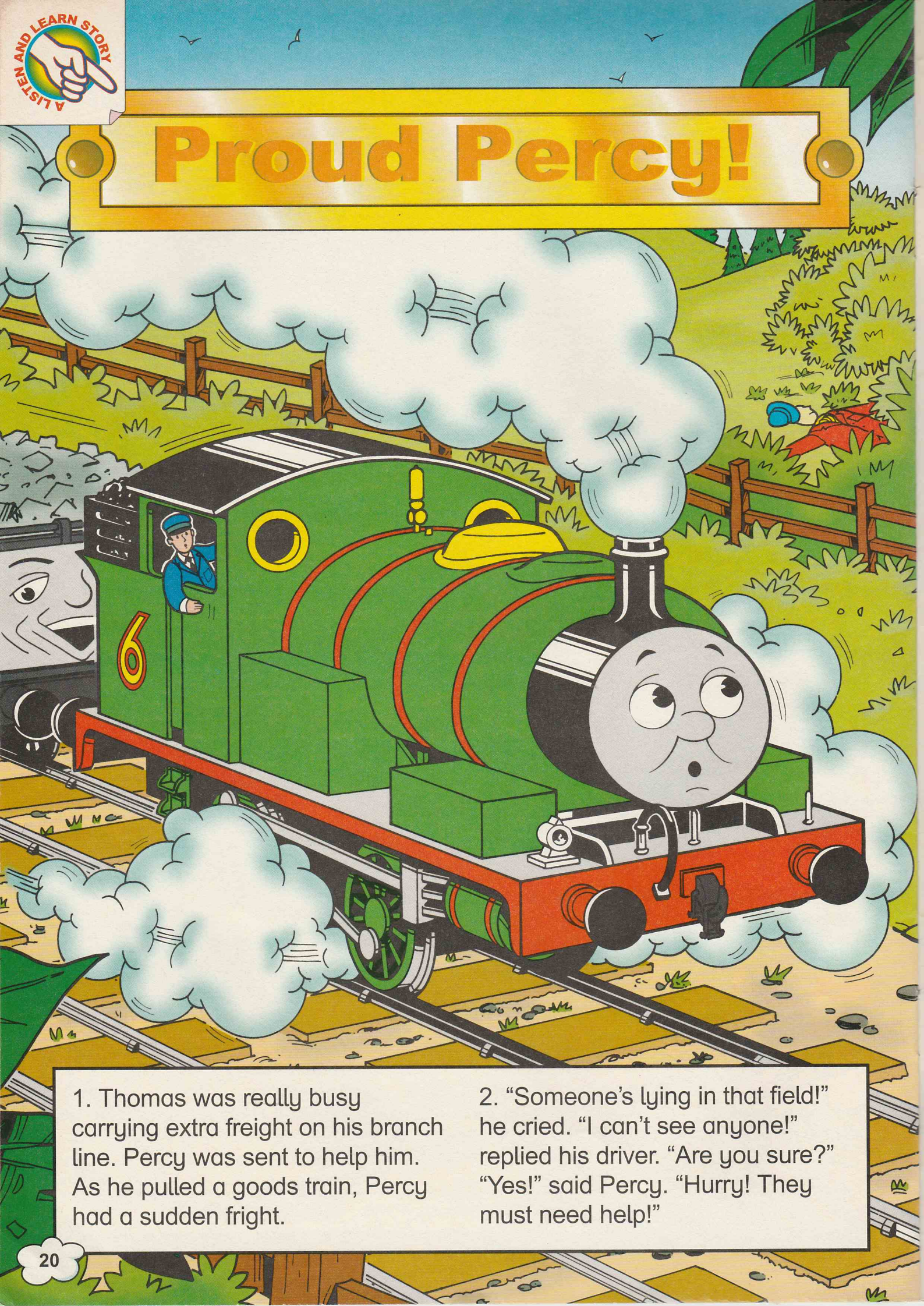
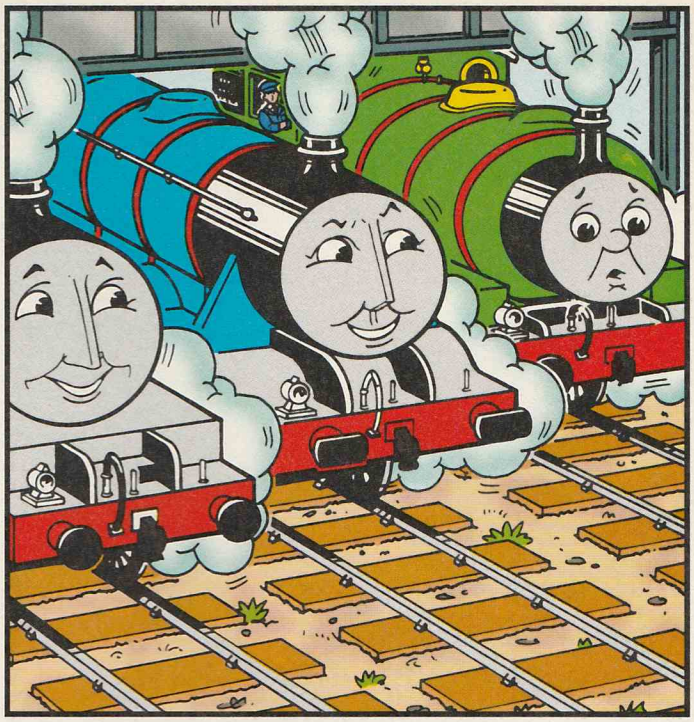
Proud Percy!



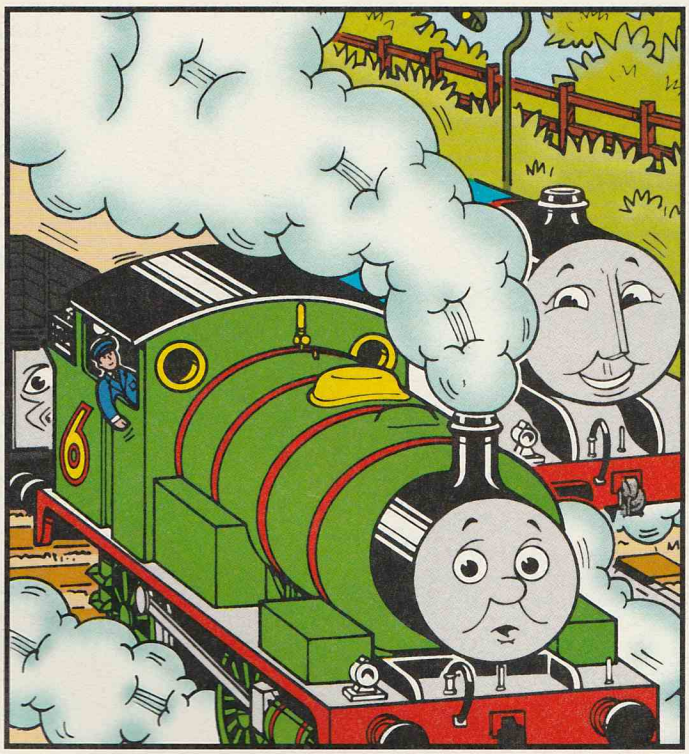
1. Thomas was really busy carrying extra freight on his branch line. Percy was sent to help him. As he pulled a goods train, Percy had a sudden fright.

2. "Someone's lying in that field!" he cried. "I can't see anyone!" replied his driver. "Are you sure?" "Yes!" said Percy. "Hurry! They must need help!"

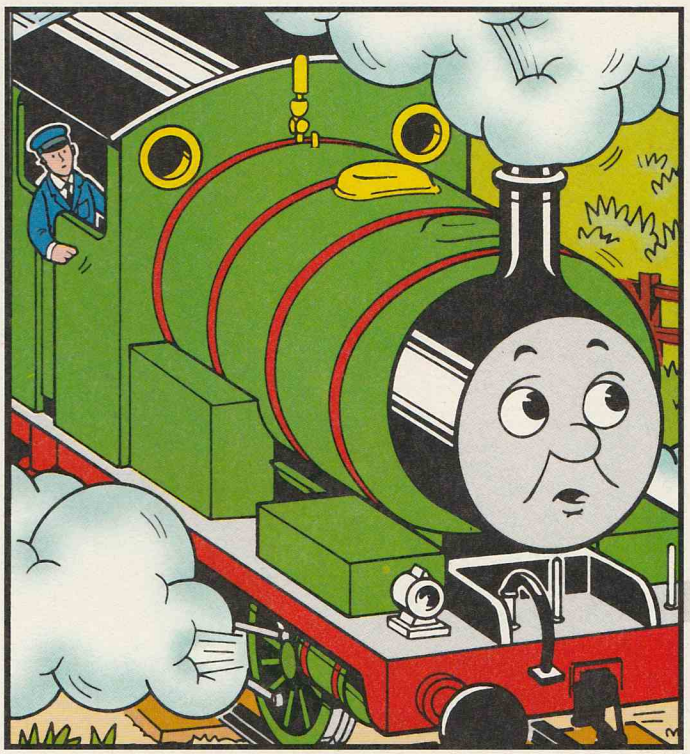
3. Percy quickly rolled into a nearby siding. Then his driver went to have a closer look. "Silly Percy!" laughed the driver. "It's only an old, disused scarecrow that's fallen over!"



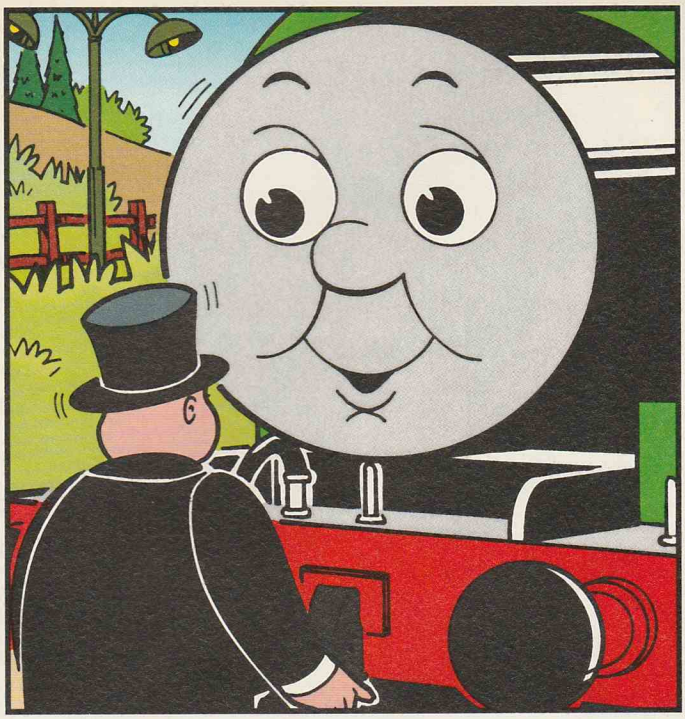
4. All the engines at the Main Station heard about Percy's mistake. "A scarecrow, indeed!" snorted Gordon. Poor Percy felt very silly while he listened to Gordon.



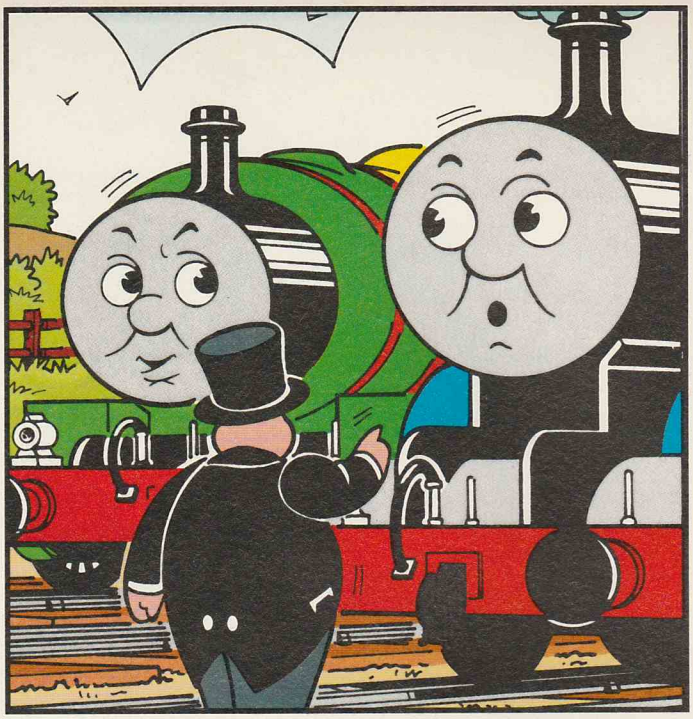
5. Next day, Percy was only too pleased to set off with some more trucks on Thomas's branch line. "It wasn't my fault!" he grumbled. "It didn't look like a scarecrow to me!"



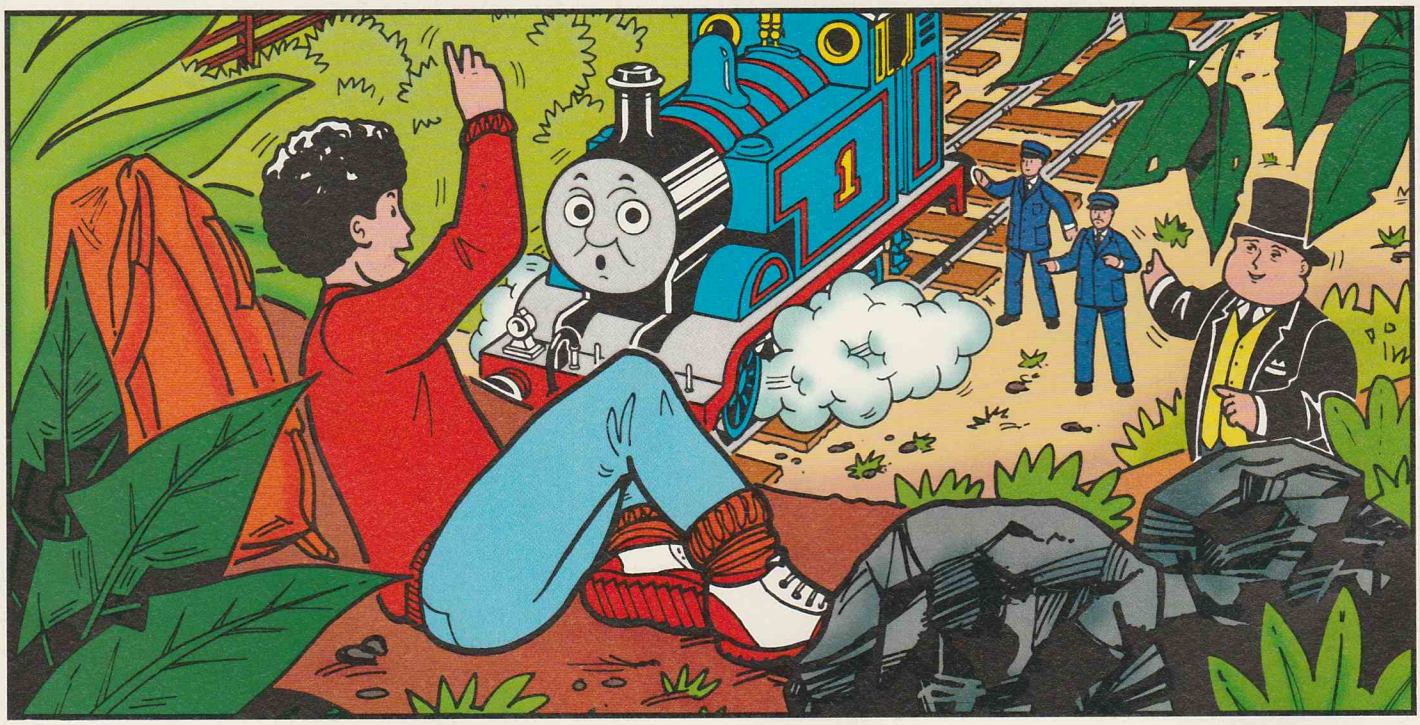
6. On his way, Percy could scarcely believe his eyes! "Look!" he shouted. "Someones fallen on the hill! We must stop! They could be hurt!" So Percy's driver braked quickly!



7. "Don't tell me," smiled the driver, "another scarecrow, I suppose?" But this time Percy was convinced. Returning to the Main Station, he rushed to tell the Fat Controller.

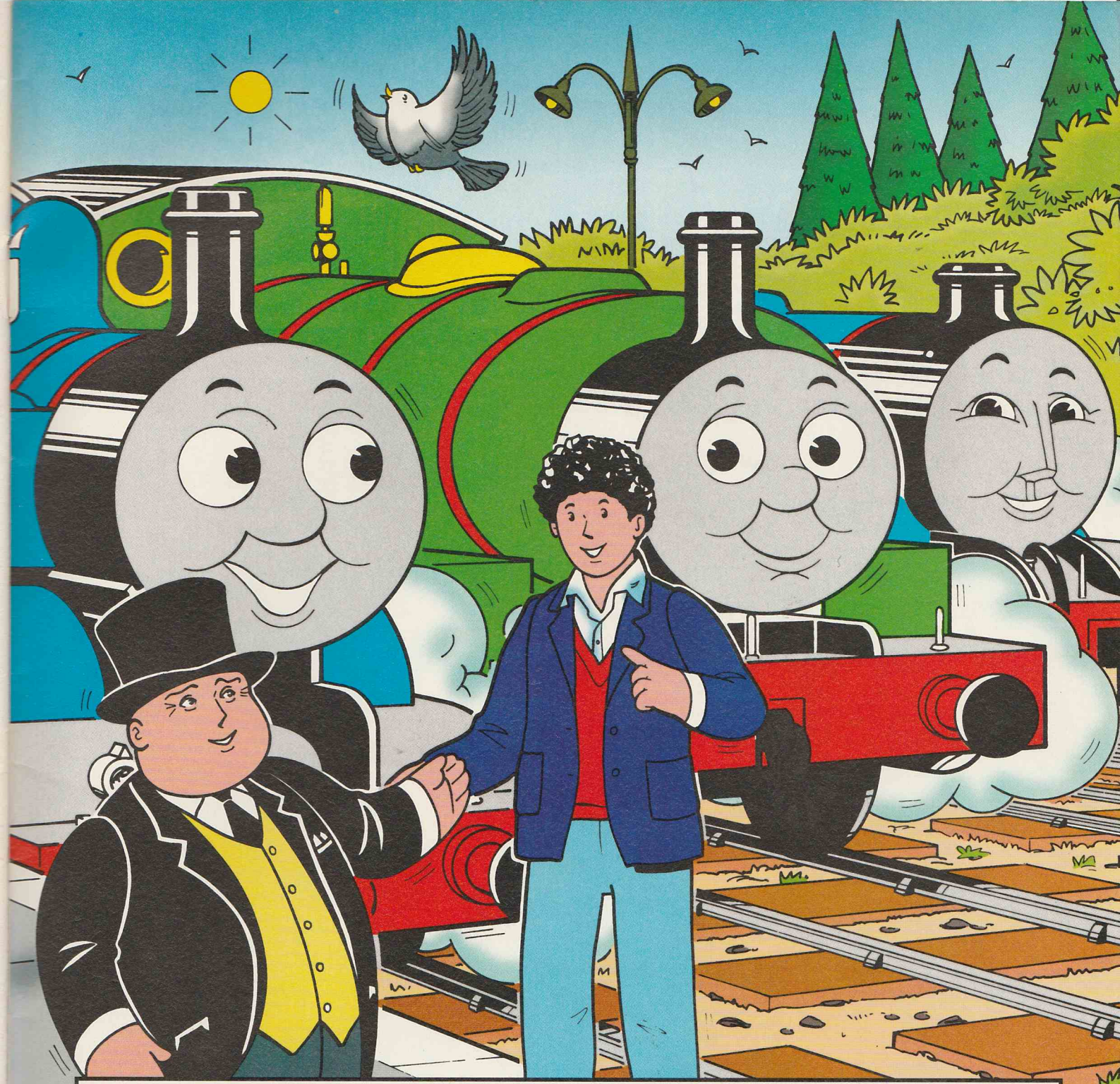


8. Daisy and Gordon overheard. But no one believed Percy until Thomas returned from his branch line. "I think I saw someone, too!" exclaimed Thomas.



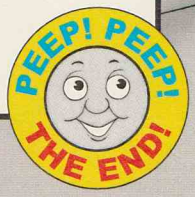
9. "Well, two engines can't be wrong!" replied the Fat Controller. He climbed aboard Thomas who turned round and steamed urgently along the line again.

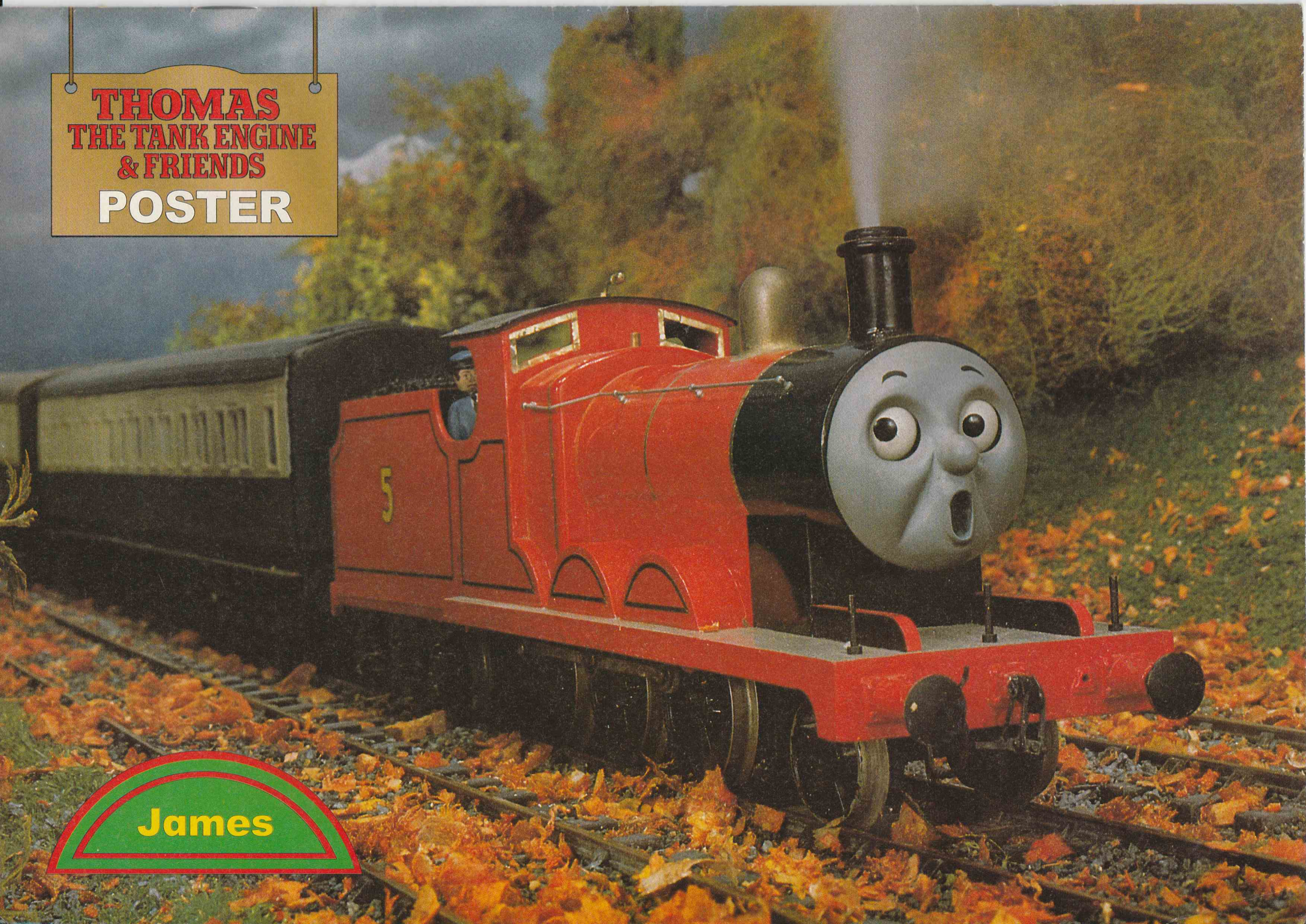
10. Thomas stopped in a siding beside the hill. "Look! Someone's waving at us!" he called. "That's no scarecrow!" the Fat Controller said as he hurried to help.



11. A man was lying near some rocks. "I was walking on the hill when I tripped and hurt my ankle!" he said. "Thank goodness you saw me or I might have been stuck here after dark!" Thomas's crew helped the man down the steep hill and lifted him into Thomas's cab. The clever tank engine raced to the nearest station.

12. From there, an ambulance drove the man to hospital. Luckily, he was not badly hurt. A few days later, he arrived at the Main Station to thank everyone. "It was Percy who spotted you first!" said the Fat Controller. "He's the one we should thank the most!" Now, Percy felt very proud indeed!

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